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TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR THE PAYMENT AND ACCOUNTING OF PETTY DISBURSEMENTS

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**Notice of Allowability****Application No.**

09/921,629

**Applicant(s)**

LEVENSON ET AL.

**Examiner**

Jalatee Worjloh

**Art Unit**

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**- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERIT IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the RCE filed March 1, 2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9, 11-13 and 15-30.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:  
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**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

/Jalatee Worjloh/  
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3685

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Bryan H. Opalko on September 21, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

#### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended): A system for the payment of petty cash disbursements comprising:
  - a private network for managing the payment of petty cash disbursements, the private network comprising:
    - a master account set up within the private network, said master account linked to a bank account via a main processor, said bank account having a predetermined amount of funds deposited therein by a funding entity;
    - a first level of one or more subordinate pre-paid purchasing card accounts set up within the private network and linked to said master account via the main processor, each of the first level subordinate pre-paid purchasing card accounts having a first amount of pre-paid funds deposited therein, wherein each first level subordinate pre-

paid purchasing card account is associated with a card held by a user for making purchases up to the first amount of pre-paid funds, wherein purchases made using said card are approved by a credit card processor linked to the main processor; and

a second level of one or more subordinate pre-paid purchasing card accounts set up within the private network and linked to one or more of said first level subordinate pre-paid purchasing card accounts via the main processor, each of the second level subordinate pre-paid purchasing card accounts having a second amount of pre-paid funds deposited therein, wherein each second level subordinate pre-paid purchasing card account is associated with a card held by a user for making purchases up to the second amount of pre-paid funds, wherein purchases made using said card are approved by the credit card processor linked to the main processor;

wherein the first amount of pre-paid funds are unique to each of the first level subordinate pre-paid purchasing card accounts, and wherein the second amount of pre-paid funds are unique to each of the second level subordinate pre-paid purchasing card accounts;

wherein the funding entity has the authority to authorize the transfer and deposit of pre-paid funds to said master account to cover purchases made using that master account and to any subordinate pre-paid purchasing card account linked to said master account, either directly or indirectly;

wherein an owner of any of said pre-paid purchasing card accounts has the authority to authorize the transfer of pre-paid funds from its own account to any subordinate pre-paid purchasing card account linked thereto; and

wherein said cards associated with any of said first level or second level subordinate pre-paid purchasing card accounts are re-usable within other private networks set up within the system.

14. (Cancelled).

16. (Currently Amended): A system for the payment of petty cash disbursements comprising:

a private network for managing the payment of petty cash disbursements, the private network including a software application running on a computer system and including a main processor, said computer system being connected to the Internet;

a master account set up within the private network, said master account linked to a bank account via the main processor, said bank account having a predetermined amount of funds deposited therein by a funding entity; and

a plurality of subordinate pre-paid purchasing card accounts set up within the private network, each of the plurality of subordinate pre-paid purchasing card accounts logically linked to said master account either directly or indirectly via other subordinate pre-paid purchasing card accounts, each of the plurality of subordinate pre-paid purchasing card accounts having a first amount of pre-paid funds deposited therein, wherein each of the plurality of subordinate pre-paid purchasing card accounts is associated with a card held by a user for making purchases up to the first amount of pre-paid funds, wherein purchases made using said card are approved by a credit card processor linked to the main processor;

wherein the first amount of pre-paid funds are unique to each of the plurality of subordinate pre-paid purchasing card accounts;

wherein the main processor controls said linking of the plurality of subordinate pre-paid purchasing card accounts and maintains a maximum pre-paid deposit limit for each of the plurality of subordinate pre-paid purchasing card accounts; and

wherein said cards associated with any of said plurality of subordinate pre-paid purchasing card accounts are re-usable within other private networks set up within the system.

24. (Currently Amended): A method for the payment of petty cash disbursements comprising the steps of:

establishing a private network for the payment of petty cash disbursements;

establishing a bank account at a bank having a predetermined amount of funds deposited therein by a funding entity, said bank account associated with the private network;

linking a master account set up within the private network to said bank account via a main processor; and

linking a plurality of subordinate pre-paid purchasing card accounts set up within the private network to said master account either directly or indirectly via other subordinate pre-paid purchasing card accounts, each of the plurality of subordinate pre-paid purchasing card accounts having a first amount of pre-paid funds deposited therein, wherein each of the plurality of subordinate pre-paid purchasing card accounts is associated with a card held by a user for making purchases up to the first amount of pre-paid funds, wherein purchases made using said card are approved by a credit card processor linked to the main processor;



wherein the first amount of pre-paid funds are unique to each of the plurality of subordinate pre-paid purchasing card accounts;

wherein said cards associated with any of said plurality of subordinate pre-paid purchasing card accounts are re-usable within other private networks set up within the system.

### *Conclusion*

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- US Patent No. 5991413 to Arditti et al.
- U.S. Publication No. 2001/0013018 to Awano.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jalatee Worjloh whose telephone number is 571-272-6714. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 10:00 - 6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Calvin Hewitt II can be reached on 571-272-6709. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

/Jalatee Worjloh/  
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3685